

GENERAL LEE.

Interesting Historical Reminiscences.

His Letter of Resignation.

From the New York Tribune.

On the 20th of April, 1861, Colonel Lee, after a service of twenty-five years, resigned his position in the United States Army, sending his letter of resignation to General Scott, at Washington. It was in the following terms:

ARLINGTON, VA., April 23, 1861.

General: Since my interview with you on the 14th instant, I have felt that I ought no longer to retain my commission in the army. I therefore tender my resignation, which I request you to recommend for acceptance. It would have been a calamity to me to be separated from a service to which I have devoted all the best years of my life, and to which I am so attached.

During the whole of that time—more than a quarter of a century—I have experienced nothing but kindness from superiors, and the most generous consideration from my comrades. To no one have I been indebted for a promotion, and to no one have I been indebted for a recommendation. I have always been my own master, and I have always been my own master. I have always been my own master, and I have always been my own master.

A LETTER TO HIS SISTER.

To my dear sister, the wife of an officer loyal to the flag, be written:

My dear sister:—I am grieved at my inability to see you. I have been waiting for a more convenient opportunity, which I have not been able to find. I have been waiting for a more convenient opportunity, which I have not been able to find. I have been waiting for a more convenient opportunity, which I have not been able to find.

From the Philadelphia Press.

An extract from a letter written by his sister, which was published in the Philadelphia Press, is as follows: "My husband, who was a man of honor and a man of honor, was a man of honor and a man of honor. He was a man of honor and a man of honor. He was a man of honor and a man of honor.

From the Norfolk Virginian.

His resignation in Virginia.

Having thrown up his commission he returned to his native State, the reply to which was his appointment as Major in the command of the Virginia troops. He was a man of honor and a man of honor. He was a man of honor and a man of honor. He was a man of honor and a man of honor.

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fully armed or paid; while the resources of the loyal States were sorely touched, their ranks nearly or quite as full as ever, and their supplies of ordnance, small arms, munitions, etc., more ample than in any previous April. Of the million or so borne on muster-rolls, probably not more than half were in active service, with half more or less in the field at short notice. The rebellion had failed and gone down; but the rebel army of Virginia and its commander had not failed. Fighting sternly against the inevitable; against the irrepressible tendencies—the generous aspirations of the age, they had proved unable to succeed when success would have been a calamity to their children, to their country, and to the human race. And when the transient agony of defeat had been endured and had passed, they all experienced a sense of relief as they crowded around their departing chief, who, with streaming eyes, grasped and pressed their outstretched hands, at length finding words to say: "Men, we have fought through the war together. I have done the best that I can for you." There were few dry eyes among those who witnessed the scene.

A SCRAP OF HISTORY.

From the New York Sun.

On the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court-house, he made an arrangement with General Grant to use his influence to secure the immediate surrender of all rebel authority. By this arrangement Grant was to proceed to Washington and ascertain the views of our Government regarding the Confederate States Government at once abandoned further resistance and surrender its armies. Lee was to return to Richmond and there wait the result of Grant's mission to Washington. Lee, receiving which was to be permitted to pass through the lines and convey the ultimatum to Jeff. Davis, and secure his assent to it. The Assassination of President Lincoln, however, deferred the consummation of Grant's purpose in visiting Washington, and the subsequent events of the war rendered the mission unnecessary.

From the Washington Star.

OTHER REMINISCENCES.

After being relieved of the command of the Army of Northern Virginia, and of absence, and resided at Arlington with his family, during which time he frequently visited Washington. He was very fond of ladies' company, and always showed the greatest respect to the sex. His conversation was always of the highest quality, and he had but few "bosom friends," and there is not an officer in the city now with whom it can be said that he was very intimate. His manner being reserved, he was not easily approached, though he was very kind and affable as the perfect type of a dignified officer.

When he resigned his commission in the United States Army General Scott was deeply affected, and remarked to a fellow-officer that "Lee was a valuable man, and his services were worth millions a day to any government."

It is said that he refused to open letters addressed to him during the secession excitement until he had made up his mind to resign his commission, his reason being that he could not be influenced by any appeals or offers from those he loved.

His sons, Custis, Fitzhugh and Robert, and his daughters, Mary, Agnes and Mildred, are living in Virginia.

At Wake County Court, just closed, there were ten cases sentenced to the Penitentiary. All of them are colored.

A special premium of \$3, is offered for the best patch on a boot or shoe exhibited at the State Fair.

WEDNESDAY of next week, the 26th inst., has been selected as the day upon which Newbern is to mourn GENERAL LEE.

The Conservatives of Wake County have nominated Dr. J. R. Dunn, for the vacancy in the next House, caused by the death of H. A. Hodge, Republican.

The Mr. Airy News tells us of an unsuccessful attempt at highway robbery on the person of Mr. J. H. Thore, near Mt. Airy, one day last week.

To 2 o'clock on Saturday, there were 200 entries for exhibition at the State Fair.

The trotting, says the *Sentinel*, will be the best ever witnessed at a North Carolina Fair.

More burglars in Wilmington. Don't send them up here.—*Standard*.

No, we won't. They would starve there. Littlefield, Holden, Swenson & Co., have made away with everything available.

The *Standard* is still convulsed with the belief that there is a Ku-Klux organization in the State, and that it is daily expecting of seeing a call from Governor Holden for "N. C. State Troops," to put down the rebellion in that quarter.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the W. O. N. C. R. R., held at Morganton, Oct. 13th, the following gentlemen were chosen Directors for the ensuing year on the part of the Stockholders: Dr. J. C. Caldwell, Col. Samuel McD. Tate, Judge Merrimon, Ex-Gov. Z. B. Vance.

At a meeting of the Directors, Dr. J. J. Mott, was chosen President; Col. S. McD. Tate, Superintendent; Capt. W. Eliason, Chief Engineer, and Capt. H. O. Cowles, Secretary.

We learn that the salaries of the officers were materially reduced, and that an order was adopted to run the passenger trains only three times a week.—*Statesville American*.

How to be Happy.

We find the following admirable bit of philosophy in an exchange. "The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones are let on long leaves."

Crape Torn Down and Again Put Up.

The butchers of the market, to their everlasting credit, saw fit yesterday to place the market-house in mourning. The Radical authorities of the city ordered the keeper of the market, M. J. Brown, to take down the mourning emblems. The market-keeper did so, and the movement created such an intense excitement on High Street that in a few moments a crowd of citizens gathered, crape was procured, and the emblems of the market were again put up. It is said that the crape was torn down 10,000 had been able to carry their arms thus far on their hopeless and almost fruitless flight. Barely nineteen miles from Lynchburg when surrendered, the physical possibility of forcing their way further south, at the cost of half their number no longer remained. And if they were all safely there, what then? The resources of the Confederacy were utterly exhausted.—Of the 150,000 men whose names were borne on its muster-rolls a few weeks ago, at least one-third were already disabled or wounded, and the remainder who were not disabled nor wounded, were almost all of them old and feeble, and not fit to dream of their being

Wilmington Wholesale Prices Current.

Death of General Lee—A Sorrowing City.

One Single Exception—Arrival of one of the Robeson Exiles, &c., &c.

FAIRFAXVILLE, N. C., Oct. 15, 1870.

Dear Journal:—As a mark of respect to the memory of the illustrious dead, the Patriot, Soldier and Christian, General Robert E. Lee, all business in this town was suspended for one hour to-day. The various church and town bells rang out their mournful dirges from 12 to 1 o'clock. Every place of business in town, save one, was closed during the tolling of the bells, and every countenance seemed to import a feeling of sorrow and grief. The stores and shops kept by colored men were all closed, and many stores were draped in mourning; in fact, our town presented one scene of sorrow and gloom. On Monday there will be a meeting of the citizens, when appropriate resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the people, will be adopted.

It may not be proper to criticize the feelings of others, but it would appear that any one claiming citizenship would, out of respect to the feelings of the community in which he lived, do honor to such a sad and mournful occasion as this, especially one who but a few weeks since placed himself before this community begging their suffrage for the position of Sheriff of the county. He ought to remember that some day he may be recalled from earth, and then what will this corrupt big, filled with a few thousand dollars of Cumberland county scrip and U. S. bonds, avail him? Who would then feel like honoring him, who, alone in this whole community, attempts to mould public sentiment?

Shiloh's John, one of the Robeson desperadoes and King murderers, was arrested in this vicinity to-day and is now in jail, wearing a rasclet of cold iron. There was one other of the gang with him, but he was not arrested. He was a white man, and he was not arrested. He was a white man, and he was not arrested.

Yours, &c., B. B.

Infamous and Wicked.

We lay before our readers to-day, says the *Raleigh Sentinel*, three several letters, picked up in the Court House at Graham when Kirk evacuated. They are all signed in the hand-writing of W. W. Holden.—These letters crown the career of his wickedness and complete the lasting monument of his infamy.

HOLDEN TO KIRK, No. 1.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh, July 14, 1870.

To Col. G. W. Kirk,

Commanding Post at Yanceyville:

DEAR SIR:—This will find you in the midst of the great work, which you are now engaged in. I have no doubt that you will find it a most interesting and profitable one.

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